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TAGS: CDES, UK (CROOKS, JAMES THOMAS)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF JAMES THOMAS CROOKS

REF: STATE 294034

1. TREASURY SOLICITOR'S OFFICE, LONDON (EQUIVALENT TO PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR IN U.S.) WILL NOT INTERVENE IN THE DISPOSITION OF DECEASED'S PERSONAL EFFECTS AND AUTO SINCE THERE IS RELATIVE OF DECEASED IN U.K. (MINOR CHILD, NICOLE CROOKS).

2. MRS. ROSEMARY BUTLER IS APPLYING TO PROBATE COURT FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION ON BEHALF OF HER CHILD, NICOLE. AS SOON AS HER APPOINTMENT IS APPROVED, SHE WILL SELL AUTO AND WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION OF THE PROCEEDS TO THE SIX CHILDREN OF THE DECEASED. COMMONLAW WIFE HAS NO CLAIM UNDER ENGLISH LAW. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE 5 CHILDREN IN U.S. FOR TRANSMISSION TO MRS. BUTLER AND ALSO FOR EMBASSY'S FS-192.

3. FROM PERSONAL DOCUMENTS IN OUR CUSTODY IT WOULD APPEAR THAT DECEASED AT ONE TIME HELD THE FOLLOWING METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY POLICIES: (A) 23 960 174A (B) 718-500 019MS AND (C) 646 700 014A. ADDRESS OF COMPANY: P.O. BOX 232, NEW YORK, NY 10010 OR 1 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK NY 10010. MRS. BUTLER, TO THE BEST OF HER KNOWLEDGE, IS OF THE OPINION THAT THE LAST OF THESE POLICIES WAS CASH SURRENDERED IN SEPTEMBER, 1976.

4. MRS. BUTLER ARRANGING FOR LOCAL BURIAL IN COLCHESTER
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IN PRIVATE GRAVE AND WILL PAY BURIAL EXPENSES. SHE WILL

CLAIM SSA AND VA BURIAL GRANTS THROUGH EMBASSY.

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